

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

on

Status of DCPS Middle School in Center City

on

Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 9:30am

Chairman's Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.us)
Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)
Office of Cable Television Website (entertainment.dc.gov)

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public roundtable of the Committee of the Whole on **“Status of DCPS Middle School in Center City.”** The roundtable will be held on **Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 9:30am** via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.

In 2013, Shaw Middle School was closed due to low enrollment and a deteriorating facility. At the same time, feeder elementary schools were struggling with under-enrollment. Since then, the three feeder schools have grown their enrollments substantially. Yet the Committee continues to hear from families for whom the existing Cardozo feeder pattern does not best serve their needs. As a result, elementary schools in the feeder pattern are losing students in upper grades as some families with the ability to choose to pull their children out to enroll them in charter and private schools. In other circumstances, families have moved. The co-location model of a middle and high school does not serve many families effectively. In FY20, the Council put \$1 million in the Capital budget to begin the planning for a new center city middle school. Although the Mayor did not do that and instead proposed reducing (eliminating) the budget in FY20, the Council restored the capital funding and currently, there is \$3 million in the FY22 capital budget to plan a new middle school. The purpose of this hearing is to hear from DCPS about their plans and timeline to determine need and to establish a new middle school to serve the families in the city center.

Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. **Testimony is limited to 3 minutes; less time will be provided if there are a large number of witnesses.** Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. If you have additional questions, please email cow@dccouncil.us or contact Destiny Riley, Committee Assistant, at (202) 724-8196.

The hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Testimony should be submitted in writing to cow@dccouncil.us in advance of the hearing. Written testimony will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony>. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted to cow@dccouncil.us or left by voicemail by calling

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(202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00pm on Thursday, March 24, 2022.